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SUBJECT: GOC FEARS OF FURTHER TURKISH MILITARY MOVE

1. CYPRUS ACTING PRESIDENT, XANTHOS CLERIDES, ASKED ME TO CALL EVENING DECEMBER 1 AT TELEPHONED REQUEST FROM HIS BROTHER GLAFOS CLERIDES IN ATHENS. NOTING RECENT TURKISH THREATS OF A FURTHER TURKISH MILITARY MOVE TO ENCIRCLE NICOSIA AND TAKE LARNACA TO FORCE GOC ACQUIESCE IN NORTHWARD MIGRATION OF TURKS REMAINING IN SOUTH, GOC CONCERNED BY TODAY'S STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GOT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ELEKDAG THAT TURKEY OBJECTS TO MAKARIOS' RETURN AND CONTEMPLATES ACTION IN EVENT OF ANY INCIDENT ON CYPRUS. GOC ALSO PERTURBED AT TODAY'S GOT ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUED MARTIAL LAW IN FOUR SOUTHERN PROVINCES OF TURKEY. ACTING PRESIDENT SAID GOC HAS INDEPENDENT BUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT TURKISH ARMORED CARS AND TANKS ARE MOVING TOWARD TYMBOU AND TOWARD NICOSIA AIRPORT. GOC FURTHER NOTES AP REPORT THAT TURKISH FORCES BEING STRENGTHENED ON NICOSIA GREEN LINE.

2. IN THEIR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, GLAFOS
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CLERIDES TOLD HIS BROTHER THAT HE THOUGHT JOINT STATEMENT

ISSUED AT 5:00 PM THIS AFTERNOON WOULD CALM GOT. THIS STATEMENT SAID THAT ATHENS MEETINGS HAD AGREED (A) ON POLICY TO BE PURSUED TOWARD A CYPRUS SOLUTION, (B) CLERIDES WOULD BE RECEIVING WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS ON HIS NEGOTIATING MANDATE AND (C) CLERIDES HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION WITH DENKTASH IMMEDIATELY. GLAFCOS CLERIDES HAD EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS "VERY SATISFIED" BY THESE RESULTS.

3. XANTHOS CLERIDES TOLD ME THAT ATHENS PAPER KATHIMERINI, GENERALLY REGARDED AS A MOUTHPIECE FOR KARAMANLIS, HAD TODAY CARRIED AN ARTICLE SAYING THAT MAKARIOS WOULD RETURN TO CYPRUS AS PLANNED ON DECEMBER 6 BUT WOULD THEN BE LEAVING FOR ATHENS ON DECEMBER 10 FOR AN INDEFINITE STAY IN GREECE. MAKARIOS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT THERE NOTHING FIRM ON THIS.

4. ACTING PRESIDENT SAID THAT IN HIS PERSONAL EVALUATION HE DOUBTED TURKS WERE ABOUT TO MOVE, AT LEAST NOT IN NEXT DAY OR TWO. HOWEVER, ONE COULD NEVER BE SURE.

5. THEREFORE, HE REQUESTED THAT I INFORM DEPARTMENT OF GOC APPREHENSIONS.

6. IN REPLY, I PROMISED PASS HIS MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY. I GAVE IT AS MY PERSONAL OPINION THAT TURKISH THREATS WERE DESIGNED FIRM UP KARAMANLIS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MAKARIOS. I SAID I HAD TODAY VISTED SEVERAL AREAS OF NORTHERN ZONE AND DETECTED ABSOLUTELY NO SIGNS OF IMMINENT MILITARY ACTION. I PROMISED TO CHECK OTHER SOURCES AND BE BACK IN TOUCH IF WE DETECTED ANY EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY.

7. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MY MEETING WITH ACTING PRESIDENT, WE CHECKED WITH UNFICYP WHICH REPORTS NO SIGNS OF INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY BY TURKS, NO INCREASED PATROLLING, NO STEP-UP IN TURKISH MILITARY TRAFFIC, AND A NORMAL SITUATION THROUGHOUT ISLAND. NATIONAL GUARD IS NOT ON ALERT NOR HAS IT COMMUNICATED ANY SPECIAL CONCERN TO UNFICYP.

8. IN SUM, WE SEE NO CAUSE FOR SPECIAL CONCERN.
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